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STATE BAR COURT

HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

12 In the Matter of:) Case Nos. 14-O-02444 and 14-O-06185
13 MICHAEL ANTHONY GULLA,)
14 No. 80133,) FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF
15 A Member of the State Bar) DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!

17 **IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THIS NOTICE**
18 **WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT**
19 **THE STATE BAR COURT TRIAL:**

- 20 (1) **YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;**
- 21 (2) **YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU**
22 **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;**
- 23 (3) **YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN**
24 **THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOU MAKE A TIMELY MOTION**
25 **AND THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND;**
- 26 (4) **YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.**
27 **SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE**
28 **OR VACATE YOUR DEFAULT, THIS COURT WILL ENTER AN**
ORDER RECOMMENDING YOUR DISBARMENT WITHOUT
FURTHER HEARING OR PROCEEDING. SEE RULE 5.80 ET SEQ.,
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.



1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Michael Anthony Gulla (“Respondent”) was admitted to the practice of law in the
4 State of California on June 23, 1978, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is
5 currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 14-O-02444
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A)
9 [Failure to Maintain Client Funds in Trust Account]

10 2. On or about January 8, 2013, Respondent received on behalf of his client, Edward
11 Bates, a settlement check from Platinum Claims Service made payable to Respondent and his
12 client in the sum of \$7,000. On or about January 8, 2013, Respondent deposited the check for
13 \$7,000 into his client trust account at Chase Bank, account no. xxxxxx8050,¹ on behalf of his
14 client. After subtracting his contingency fee, costs and payment to his client’s health care
15 provider, Respondent was required to maintain in the client trust account the approximate sum of
16 \$500 on behalf of his client. Respondent failed to maintain the approximate sum of \$500 on
17 behalf of his client in his client trust account. By failing to maintain the approximate sum of
18 \$500 on behalf of his client in his client trust account, Respondent willfully violated Rules of
19 Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A).

20 COUNT TWO

21 Case No. 14-O-02444
22 Business and Professions Code section 6106
23 [Moral Turpitude - Misappropriation]

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27 \$7,000 into his client trust account at Chase Bank, account no. xxxxxx8050,² on behalf of his
28 client. After subtracting his contingency fee, costs and payment to his client’s health care

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